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**Technology Center 2100****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Applicants:** Martin *et al.***Conf. No.:** 2124**Serial No.:** 09/917,536**Art Unit:** 2142**Filing Date:** 07/27/2001**Examiner:** Blair, Douglas B.**Title:** REGULATING ACCESS TO A  
SCARCE RESOURCE**Docket No.:** GB920010042US1  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT**

Sir:

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:**

This paper is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated March 1, 2005.

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.